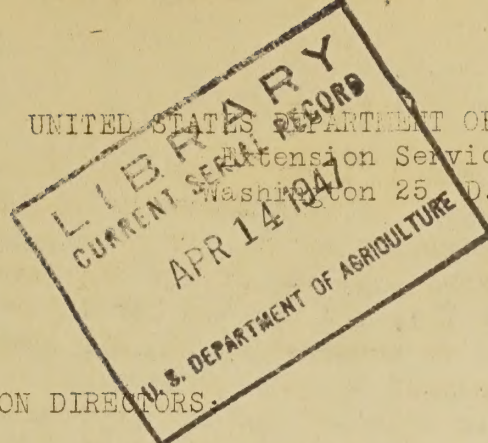


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TO ALL STATE EXTENSION DIRECTORS.

Subject: Current Farm Labor News - #1

C. C. Randall Dies. C. C. Randall, who has had a very important part in the migratory and interstate aspects of the farm labor program, died at Little Rock, Arkansas, on January 2. Mr. Randall in his work as South Central Area Director since August 3, 1943, has assisted the several states in that area with the development and conduct of their programs.

Born on a farm in Mississippi December 12, 1888, Mr. Randall devoted his career to agriculture. He graduated from Mississippi State College in 1912, was a teacher in agricultural high schools in Mississippi and Arkansas before joining the Arkansas Extension Service as a county agent on January 1, 1916. He was promoted to District Agent on February 1, 1926, to Acting Assistant Director on July 1, 1935 and to Assistant Director on January 1, 1937. He continued as the administrative leader of the Arkansas Extension Service until July 1, 1939, when he joined the Regional staff of the Farm Security Administration.

Mr. Randall was one of the pioneers who had grown with the Extension Service and had contributed to the success of the organization from its infancy. His experience and philosophy have been very valuable in the successful conduct of the Farm Labor Program.

He became seriously ill at College Station, Texas, on December 8, immediately following his participation in the farm labor meetings at St. Louis on the interstate transported worker program and at College Station on the program regarding Latin-American migration from Texas to sugar beet and related areas in the Plains and Central States.

"C. C." was loyal to his large circle of friends, enthusiastic regarding Extension as a profession, and an effective co-worker in the Farm Labor Program. He is survived by Mrs. Randall, a son who is in the Army of Occupation in Germany, a married daughter and a grandson.

Plans of work and budget requests for allocation of Section 2 Farm Labor Funds for the period January 1 to June 30, 1947 have been received from all states. These have been reviewed and approved copies have been returned to each state. Request for payment of additional funds have been made and most payments were mailed by the Treasury on January 3.

The proclamation of the President under date of December 31, 1946, declaring an end of hostilities places new emphasis upon the following excerpts from the "Farmers Home Administration" Act of 1946 (Public Law 731, 79th Congress), August 14, 1946, Section 2 (3) (d):

"All labor supply centers, labor homes, labor camps, and facilities formerly under the supervision or administration of the Farm Security Administration and originally transferred or made available to the War Food Administrator for use in the farm labor supply program pursuant to Public Law 45, Seventy-eighth Congress, approved April 29, 1943 (57 Stat. 70), and all similar labor centers, homes, camps, and facilities constructed or acquired by the War Food Administrator or the Department of Agriculture pursuant to subsequent similar laws or otherwise, shall be liquidated as provided in this Act and the proceeds paid to the Treasurer of the United States as each such center, home, camp, or facility is no longer needed in the farm labor supply program originally initiated pursuant to Public Law 45, or until six months after the termination of the present hostilities as determined by concurrent resolution of the Congress, or by the President, whichever is the earlier."

State farm labor supervisors who attended the St. Louis meeting on interstate transported domestic workers requested this office to compile and send to each state a copy of the various plans of housing for farm workers that have been prepared in the states. We have checked the plans in our files and have sent letters to the respective state supervisors asking for 70 copies of each plan. If you have farm worker housing plans and have not received a letter requesting copies it is because our attention has not been called to your plans. If you have issued such plans please send us sufficient copies to include them in this collection. We have been asked to compile these plans as rapidly as possible so they will be available for use in meetings this winter.

Personnel Actions: Effective immediately Assistant Director H. H. Williamson will devote one-half time during the period ending June 30, 1947 to assisting with the farm labor program, being largely responsible for the functions previously performed by Area Director, C. C. Randall. C. A. Sheffield, Field Agent, Southern States, Division of Field Coordination, will also be available part time to assist Mr. Williamson with farm labor program matters in the South Central group of states.

During the current six months period, Florence L. Hall, of the Division of Field Coordination (formerly chief of the Women's Land Army Division), will devote one half time to assisting with farm labor program activities relating to the employment of women in agriculture.

Am leaving Washington Sunday afternoon with members of the Federal Farm Labor staff, for the annual F/L conferences at Salt Lake City and Chicago. Will be at Hotel Utah, Salt Lake City, January 15-17, leaving later in the afternoon of the 17th for Chicago, which will be reached (Hotel Stevens) Sunday morning, January 19. Will leave Chicago later afternoon January 22 and be back in office here January 23-24 and morning of January 27. Leaving afternoon of that day for Atlantic City meeting, January 28-30, and will return to Federal office January 31. John Hervey will be in charge at office here January 12 thru January 22 and Barnard Joy, January 27-30.

Yours very truly,

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